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**Department of Toxic Substances Control**

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL**  
**WORKSHOP ON PROPER HANDLING OF TREATED WOOD WASTE**  
*Playground railroad ties, grape stakes could be dangerous*

**SACRAMENTO** – On Sept. 11, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a public workshop in Sacramento on the release of a draft report *Sampling and Analysis Study on Treated Wood*. DTSC staff will present methods for treated wood sampling, collection, and preparation along with analytical results from three types of treated wood: copper azole, alkaline copper quaternary, and creosote-treated wood. After the presentation, DTSC will solicit comments, questions, and suggestions on the draft report.

**What:** Workshop on Release of Draft Report  
*Sampling and Analysis Study on Treated Wood*

**When:** Sept. 11, 2008  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Cal/EPA Headquarters  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 "I" Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

DTSC is accepting comments on the report until Sept. 25. For more information about treated wood waste, visit DTSC's Web site, [Treated Wood Waste](#) page.

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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

***The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.***